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Federal Committee for Economy

1. Svetozar Vukmanovic-Tempo¹, Chairman of the Committee for Economy of the Federal Executive Council of Yugoslavia, will allegedly be replaced by his deputy, Milentije Popovic. Owing to the pressure of his many government duties.

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Vukmanovic-Tempo is considered intelligent, energetic, severe though not obstinate, and a good organizer. The Committee's adviser for non-ferrous metals is Engineer Evgenije Kostic; while the adviser for the iron and steel industry is Slajmer (fnu).²

The Iron and Steel Federation

2. The official name of the Yugoslav Iron and Steel Federation at Belgrade is "Zajednica Jugoslovenski Zeljezara". Top leaders of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia (CPY) are opposed to the independence of the Federation. They insist upon placing the Federation under the control of the Yugoslav Federal Chamber of Industry in Belgrade. One of the proponents of this move is Milentije Popovic, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for Economy. Vukmanovic-Tempo, however, is opposed to the move because of the importance of the Federation to military industry. There is also a plan for the centralization of the entire iron and steel industry and business under the control of the Iron and Steel Federation, so that the Federation will be permitted to buy abroad directly raw materials, coal and coke needed by the members of the Federation. The Federation is presently paying one and one-half per cent commission and other costs to the Jugometal agency in Belgrade for the purchase of coal and coke from abroad on behalf of Federation members.

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Iron and Steel Enterprises

3. Some 30,000 persons are employed at the following Yugoslav iron and steel plants:
 - a. The Iron and Steel Plant at Zenica, Bosnia;
 - b. The steel plant at Vares, Bosnia;
 - c. The steel plant at Sisak, Croatia;
 - d. The iron and steel plant at Jesenice, Slovenia;
 - e. The steel plant at Gustanj, Slovenia;
 - f. The steel foundry at Store, in Celje, Slovenia;
 - g. The steel plant in Smederevo, Serbia;
 - h. The iron and steel rolling mills at Zemun, Serbia; and
 - i. The steel plant at Ravna (sic).
4. The Yugoslav authorities have the following plan for the iron and steel industry:
 - a. The iron and steel plant at Zenica will undertake the production of ordinary iron and steel products such as rails, construction equipment, etc.
 - b. The steel plants at Jesenice and Ravna will undertake the production of better-quality steel products;
 - c. The steel plant at Sisak will produce steel piping; and
 - d. The steel plant at Vares will be liquidated as will the steel rolling mills in Zemun.

Yugoslav Waste Enterprise

5. The firm of "ODPAD", a waste materials enterprise in Croatia, is managed by Dr. Molnar (fnu) of Zagreb. The manager of the Ljubljana branch of "ODPAD" is Dr. Lukacek (fnu), while the assistant manager is Tavcar (fnu).

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1. [] Comment: Vukmanovic-Tempo replaced the late Boris Kidric as Chairman of the Committee for Economy.
2. [] Comment: Presumably identical with Fedor Slajmer, metallurgical engineer, [] as in charge of all ferrous industrial planning for the Ministry of Heavy Industry in Yugoslavia, and adviser to the Ministry of Heavy Industry. Slajmer has been identified as a non-Communist.

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